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**MONTANA MAN SENTENCED FOR INTERSTATE TRAVEL
TO HAVE SEX WITH A MINOR**

BALTIMORE Maryland - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced today that Eric LeCaptain, age 49, of Billings, Montana was sentenced today by United States District Judge Catherine C. Blake to serve a 30 month sentence based on his February 20, 2003 guilty plea to travel across state lines with intent to have sex with a minor.

LeCaptain had numerous online chat sessions with an undercover FBI agent portraying a 13 year old girl. He also had several telephone conversations with an undercover agent while the agent was portraying a 13 year old girl. LeCaptain traveled from Billings, Montana to Baltimore, Maryland to meet the 13 year old girl at the Columbia Mall on Friday, October 4, 2002. In addition, LeCaptain rented a room at the Greenbelt Marriott in order to follow through with his plans. FBI agents were waiting at the Columbia Mall and immediately apprehended LeCaptain. After his arrest, LeCaptain admitted that he traveled to Maryland with the intent to have sex with the 13 year old girl. The case was investigated by the FBI Innocent Images Task Force and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bonnie S. Greenberg.